

**PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**September 29, 2020**

Due to the current disaster emergency declared by Governor Wolf by Proclamation dated March 16, 2020, and in consideration of the health and safety of the school community, a meeting of the Pequea Valley School District School Board convened on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Board members met in-person and the community had the choice of meeting via Zoom in a separate room or from home. The meeting was called to order by President Bryant Ferris at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Christian Brackbill, Mike Hartmann, Fred Hertzler, Jane Horst, Tim Malloy, Steve Riehl, and Mike Sage. Steve Temple was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, John Bowden, Rich Eby, and Ashley Rednak, Scott Kramer, Seth Wentz, Fred Withum, Larry Levato, John Trovato, and Christy Collins, as well as numerous facilitators and community members via the virtual link.

**Millage Study** – Scott Kramer with RBC Capital Markets presented the millage study and provided a borrowing schedule for the capital project.

**Building Project Update** – Seth Wentz from Crabtree Rohrbach & Associates presented their process regarding the feasibility study, facility assessments, and the progress to date. He then provided an overview of the options. Dr. Orndorff presented Option 3a as the administration’s recommendation to proceed with building a new building. The Board would like another option to choose from. One will be provided at the October 8 meeting. The Board will make a decision at that time on how to move forward.

**E-Sports General Manager Stipend** – John Bowden asked the Board to consider paying Dale Amspacher a \$1,500 per semester stipend as the E-Sports general manager. This item will be included for a vote on October 8.

**General Fund & Capital Reserve Budgets** – John Bowden presented the preliminary General Fund and Capital Reserve Budgets for 2021-2022.

**Public Participation** – None.

**Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports**

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Riehl, the Board approved the following minutes, financial reports, and bills. (rc)

- September 10, 2020, regular meeting minutes
- The Financial Reports for August 2020, as appearing on pages 11163-11163M of the Treasurer’s Supplement.
- The August bills, as appearing in the Treasurer’s Supplement:
  - General Fund, totaling \$2,076,855.65 and appearing on pages 11142-11156
  - Capital Reserve, totaling \$85,959.25, and appearing on pages 11157-11158
  - Food Service, totaling \$4,007.40, and appearing on page 11159-11161
  - Student Activity Report, totaling \$56,721.01, and appearing on page 11162

Motion carried: Voting yes: Brackbill, Ferris, Hartmann, Hertzler, Horst, Malloy, Riehl, Sage; No: 0; Absent: Temple.

**Waterproofing**

On a motion by Mr. Riehl and a second by Mr. Hertzler, approval was given for Witmer Waterproofing to replace and seal sidewalk joints and repair masonry cracks at the high school, at a cost of \$9,500.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Brackbill, Ferris, Hartmann, Hertzler, Horst, Malloy, Riehl, Sage; No: 0; Absent: Temple.

School Board Comments:

- Mr. Hartman would like to challenge the administrators to look at how COVID has changed our education system and how we can move forward. He is also interested in what data we can use and the conclusions drawn from it. Mr. Riehl concurred with Mr. Hartmann and hopes that on-line learning can continue. Mr. Sage agreed that it would be great to brainstorm these ideas.
- Mr. Brackbill asked Mr. Eby to provide an update on how on-line learning is going as well as an assessment of our learners.
- Mrs. Horst thanked the administrators for their work.
- Mr. Riehl inquired about the governor’s guidelines for indoor/outdoor capacity.

No further information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Bryant J. Ferris  
President

John A. Bowden  
Secretary